# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRO FORESTATION AND ORCHARDS
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to encourage Agro Forestation and orchards in the country particularly backward areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the assistance provided for the purpose to the States during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c) Government of India is encouraging Agro-forestation and Orchards in the country. Government of India has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the country, during the X Plan with effect from 2005-06 for holistic development of horticulture sector duly ensuring horizontal and vertical linkages with the active participation of all the stake-holders. All the States and Union Territories are covered under the Mission except the eight North Eastern States including Sikkim and the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal which have been covered under the Technology Mission for integrated Development of Horticulture in the North Eastern States (TMNES) with similar objectives. The State − wise details of fund released during last 2 years and the current year under the NHM is given in Annexure-I and the State − wise details of fund released under TMNES during last 3 years is given in Annexure − II.